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SUBJECT: EC DEMARCHE TO PRESIDENT OF THE UN COMMITTEE OF  
THE WHOLE

REF: BRUSSELS 11165 (NOTAL)

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CASPARI  
BRIEFED A MISSION OFFICER ON THE CONVERSATION HE AND  
DANISH PRESIDENT OF THE EC COUNCIL'S NORTH/SOUTH WORKING  
GROUP (AXTENHAUSEN) HAD WITH PRESIDENT JAZAIRY OF THE UN  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) IN ALGIERS JUNE 15. ALTHOUGH  
THIS INFORMAL COMMUNITY DEMARCHE LASTED TWO HOURS,  
CASPARI SAID IT LARGELY WENT OVER OLD GROUND WITH FEW  
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SURPRISES.

2. CASPARI SAID THAT JAZAIRY RECOGNIZED THAT CONTINUING  
TO TRY TO FORCE AGREEMENT ON THE G-77 DRAFT REGARDING  
TRANSFER OF RESOURCES (AGENDA ITEM 2 FOR THE MAY MEETING)  
PROBABLY MADE LITTLE SENSE SINCE SUCH "NEGOTIATIONS" CAN  
NOT CHANGE BASIC REALITY. CASPARI STRESSED TO JAZAIRY

THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE MORE AWARE THAT TRYING TO FORCE NEGOTIATIONS IS NO WAY TO GAIN THE DOMESTIC PUBLIC SUPPORT NEEDED TO PERMIT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO HELP THE LDC'S. CASPARI SAID THAT HE AND AXTENHAUSEN SUGGESTED THAT JAZAIRY SHOULD DRAFT A SHORT REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT SUMMARIZING THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY SESSION OF THE COW ON THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES. JAZAIRY AGREED ON THE DESIRABILITY OF A SHORT SUMMARY PAPER BUT SAID IT SHOULD INCLUDE "A CONCEPTUAL BREAKTHROUGH" TO MEET G-77 ASPIRATIONS. CASPARI SAID HE TOLD JAZAIRY THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE. WHILE JAZAIRY REPEATED THAT THE G-77 WANT AN AGREED COMMON PAPER RATHER THAN A THIRD-PARTY REPORT, JAZAIRY DID NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MIGHT PREPARE SUCH A REPORT.

3. JAZAIRY NOTED THAT UK OFFICIAL THOMAS RECENTLY TOLD HIM THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES "HAVE NOTHING IN THEIR POCKETS" FOR THE COW. THE COMMUNITY DELEGATION AGREED AND SAID THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE COW IS TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF THE SERIOUS ISSUES FACING THE WORLD ECONOMY IN THE HOPE OF LAUNCHING NEW IDEAS WHICH COULD HELP THE POLICY MAKERS IN THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. IT SHOULD NOT BE USED TO NEGOTIATE CONCLUSIONS AND FIRM COMMITMENTS. JAZAIRY REPLIED THAT THIS MEANS THE COW WOULD AMOUNT TO A "SEMINAR" AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE WORTH CONTINUING IF THAT IS ALL IT AMOUNTED TO. CASPARI LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAID HE AND THE DANISH REPRESENTATIVE STRONGLY DISAGREED. THEY SAID THAT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF ISSUES AMONG RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS CAN BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO HELP PROVIDE THE "PREDICTABILITY" WHICH IS PRESENTLY LACKING IN WORLD ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

4. JAZAIRY TOLD AXTENHAUSEN AND CASPARI THAT HE STILL INTENDED TO SPEND ONLY THE FIRST DAY OF THE RESUMED COW IN SEPTEMBER TO COMPLETE WORK OF THE MAY SESSION. THE REMAINING TEN DAYS WOULD BE DEVOTED TO THE AGREED AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION.

5. CASPARI SAID THAT, AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN ALGIERS, JAZAIRY AGREED THAT THE G-77 HAD NOT BEEN REPRESENTED AT A SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL AT THE MAY MEETING OF THE COW. HE ALLUDED TO CONFLICTS BETWEEN G-77 DELEGATES IN GENEVA, WHO FEEL THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION OF NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES, AND THOSE IN NEW YORK, WHO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE OVER THIS RESPONSIBILITY. JAZAIRY WAS UNHAPPY THAT THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME AT THE SAME TIME AS THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE COW AND FELT THAT SOMEHOW

THIS WAS ALSO RELATED TO RIVALRY BETWEEN THE GENEVA AND  
NEW YORK G-77 REPRESENTATIVES.

6. CASPARI SAID THAT AT THE ALGIERS AIRPORT HE AND  
AXTENHAUSEN MET A WEST GERMAN DELEGATION WHICH HAD  
DISCUSSED THE COW WITH SEVERAL ALGERIAN OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH  
IT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SEE JAZAIRY. THE GERMANS TOLD  
CASPARI THAT THEY HAD THE IMPRESSION THE ALGERIANS WERE  
REALLY NOT INTERESTED IN THE COW AND HAD ONLY BECOME  
INVOLVED BECAUSE OF THE STRONG SUPPORT IT HAD RECEIVED  
FROM THE US.

7. THE EC COUNCIL'S NORTH/SOUTH HIGH-LEVEL GROUP HAS BEEN  
CONVOKED JUNE 21 TO HEAR AXTENHAUSEN'S AND CASPARI'S REPORT  
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ON THEIR DEMARCHE WITH JAZAIRY AND TO CONSIDER THE NEXT STEPS.  
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